

HomeSafe Inspection takes home inspections to a new level

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HomeSafe Inspection takes home inspections to a new level. leaks, insulation deficiencies and a number of other potential problems, inspectors follow up with in-depth visual inspections.

The high-tech business uses infrared technology, listening sensors and traditional visual techniques to give clients the most comprehensive reports available on their homes.

Homesafe Inspection

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By using an infrared camera, HomeSafe inspectors can see inside walls, ceilings and floors to detect existing problems.

"We can see what no one else can see," said Bob Rushing, a co-owner of the business.

Temperature differences picked up on the camera allow inspectors to detect problems that range from energy loss and electrical issues to water damage and termite activity.

"They have trained us to interpret these (infrared camera images) in a similar fashion that one would interpret X-rays," Rushing said.

After screening for structural problems, moisture concerns, pipe and duct work

determine if the pests are present.

By pushing a needle-like sensor through the wall or inserting it between the floor and the wall, inspectors can detect termite noises that the human ear cannot hear. Questionable sounds are fed into a PocketPC, and software unique to HomeSafe can recognize and identify them.

"You can hear them chewing on the house," said Ryan Rubenstein, co-owner of the



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Ryan Rubenstein, left, demonstrates how to use an infrared camera during a home inspection while Bob Rushing checks for termites with a high-tech acoustic sensor. Rubenstein and Rushing recently opened a HomeSafe Inspection franchise in Ocean Springs. The business partners offer the most technologically advanced home inspections available.

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Since the Ocean Springs HomeSafe Inspection franchise opened last month, most of its clients have stemmed from people planning real estate transactions.

"When a person selling a home, it's good a marketing point to have an inspection," Rushing said.

Prospective buyers also benefit from letting HomeSafe perform home inspections.

"We also can ascertain any

future expense that may have to go into the home," Rushing said. "They are getting more home inspection for their money. We are the most technologically advanced on the market."

HomeSafe Inspection is Mississippi licensed, insured and bonded, and all inspectors have a minimum of 300 hours of training.

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